

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 9 MARCH 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0872-0-01 (ACCNO 1277)  
Name: DOOLEY, JAMES EDWARD

Status: (J) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status assigned: 1 Nov 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	O2	Hair	RED	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	686509	Height	68 in / 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	14 Nov 1942	Weight	150 lb / 68.0 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	VERMONT	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: WATER SITE  
UTM: 48QXH890990  
Lat/Long: 204658N / 1064857E  
Country: OVER WATER - VN  
Military Region: \$  
Mission Province: HAI PHONG  
(formerly):  
Mission District: DO SON  
Mission Date: 22 Oct 1967 1235L  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Oct 91, Oct 83  
Investigations: Oct 92  
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A4E	Serial: 150116
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J52-P6A
Call Sign: OLD SALT 306	1 Serial: 66X969
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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18 March 1976

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SOURCE STATED THAT HE SAW AN AIRCRAFT CRASH IN THE VICINITY OF THE VAN UC RIVER ESTUARY. HE ALSO OBSERVED THE SUBSEQUENT BURIAL OF THE PILOT. THIS POTENTIALLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0872. (REF 3)

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18 August 1984

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13 November 1991

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CHG LOCATION FROM XH860893 TO XH890990 BASED ON STATEMENT OF LCDR ROBERT J. GAGE AND LTR FROM CO ATTACK SQ 163, DATED 24 OCT 1967.

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7 June 1994

ON 8 MAY 94, IE1 TRAVELED TO THREE VILLAGES OF CAT HAI ISLAND AND ALSO TO DO SON DISTRICT TOWN OF HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0872. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REINVESTIGATION WAS TO CANVASS SEVERAL VILLAGES IN THE AREA OF THIS LOSS BASED ON REFUGEE REPORTING. IE1 INTERVIEWED SEVERAL RESIDENTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NONE OF THE WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE CORRELATED TO THIS CASE. IE1 SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND A POSSIBLE SECONDARY LAST KNOWN LOCATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. BECAUSE OF PROVINCIAL REALIGNMENTS, IE1 WAS UNABLE TO SURVEY AN ALLEGED BURIAL SITE. THIS LOCATION NOW LIES IN THAI BIN PROVINCE. A JOINT TEAM NEEDS TO SURVEY THIS LOCATION. (REF 6)

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3 June 1994

MEMBERS OF THE ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VNOSMP INTERVIEWED A RETIRED WARTIME PHOTOGRAPHER WHO PROVIDED AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE DOWNING OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT. INFORMATION POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0872. (REF 5)



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RACE: CAUCASIAN  
HEIGHT: 1.73 METERS  
WEIGHT: 68.0 KILOGRAMS  
HAIR: RED  
EYES: BLUE

PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING  
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TỜ TƯỜNG THUẬT

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Sau đây là những chi tiết liên quan:

Họ và tên: DOOLEY, JAMES EDWARD  
Cấp bậc: Trung úy, Hải quân Hoa Kỳ  
Ngày sinh: 14 tháng 11 năm 1942  
Chủng tộc: Da trắng  
Chiều cao: 1 thước 73  
Cân nặng: 68 kí  
Màu tóc: Đỏ  
Màu mắt: Xanh

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DATE OF BIRTH: 14 NOVEMBER 1942

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.73 METERS

PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF  
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WEIGHT: 68.0 KILOGRAMS

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Vào ngày 8 tháng 5 năm 1994, một đội hỗn hợp đi đến ba xã ở hòn đảo CAT HAI và cũng đi đến xã ĐO SON, thành phố HAI PHONG để điều tra vụ này. Đội phỏng vấn nhiều người địa phương nhưng không nhận được tin tức nào tương quan với vụ này. Đội khảo sát chỗ cuối cùng được biết nhưng không có kết quả. Đội không khảo sát được một chỗ chôn vì do ranh giới thay đổi. Bây giờ hiện trường ở tỉnh THAI BINH.

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REFNO: 0873-1-02 (ACCNO 1311) Status: (T) RELEASED  
Name: GILLESPIE, CHARLES ROGERS Date Status assigned: 14 Mar 1973

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Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	O5	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
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	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	CRASH SITE	
UTM:	48QWJ645768	48QWJ883248
Lat/Long:	212940N / 1053722E	210125N / 1055059E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	2	3
Mission Province:	VINH PHU	HA NOI
(formerly):		HANOI
Mission District:	LAP THACH	HOAN KIEM
Mission Date:	24 Oct 1967 1632L	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	Remote area.	None.

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Investigations: Sep 88, Sep 90  
Surveys: Sep 90  
Site Identified: Sep 90  
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	F4B	Serial:	150421
Crash Type:	Enemy action	Engine Type:	J79
Call Sign:	SWITCHBOX 01	1 Serial:	
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